

§ 556.6 Informal funds.

Certain unofficial activities may operate on DA installations without being authorized as type 3 (Independent) POs, provided they do not exceed a net worth of \$1,000. Installation commanders may exclude certain funds or activities from the provisions of this regulation due to their limited scopes, activities, memberships, or funds. (Examples are office coffee funds, cup and flower funds, Christmas party funds, family support groups, Army Community Service (ACS) volunteer activities, and annual picnic funds.) These smaller funds are subject to the following:

(a) Only one individual is to be responsible for fund custody, accounting, and documentation. The fund custodian will administer fund business during off-duty time. This individual will report annually to his or her military rater or civilian supervisor, as appropriate, concerning the fund's existence and purpose, financial status, or upon occurrence or suspicion of irregularities associated with the fund.

(b) Use is limited to expenses consistent with the purpose and function of the fund, and is not to be expended in any way that is, or appears to be, improper or contrary to Army interests.

(c) Compliance with AR 600-50 is to be observed when participating in private organizational activities and when expending informal funds.

(d) Commanders are to ensure that personnel are aware of Army policy regarding private organizations and may establish more specific policy and procedures for private organizational activities and informal funds on their installations.

POLICY

§ 556.7 Overview.

(a) POs are not NAFIs, so they are not entitled to the special immunities and privileges given NAFIs.

(b) POs are not entitled to, and will not receive, DA endorsement by virtue of their contributions to the military installation, their espousal of DA goals and objectives, their support of the military community, or for any other reason.

(c) There is no official relationship between PO activities and official duties and responsibilities of DOD personnel who are PO members or participants.

(d) POs are not part of the military organization, so they receive only limited Government supervision.

(e) POs operate on a financially and operationally self-sustaining basis, except for support authorized in chapter 4.

(f) Neither the Federal Government nor its NAFIs have any vested interest in the assets of a PO. Nor will either make any claim to PO assets or incur or assume any obligation of a PO.

(g) Installation commanders may acquire for the installation (under DA policy and applicable Federal laws) property—

(1) Abandoned by a PO due to its disestablishment.

(2) Given to the installation by the PO. (See AR 1-100.)

(h) POs will follow all laws governing comparable private sector activities. (See § 556.13)

(i) DA interest in the operations of POs is due only to their—

(1) Location on DA installations.

(2) Relationships with both the Federal and private sectors.

(3) Activities that support recognized programs that benefit the DOD family.

(4) Responsibilities as employers.

§ 556.8 Restrictions.

(a) No PO will use or include in its title, logo, or letterhead—

(1) The name or seal of DOD or the acronym "DOD."

(2) The name, abbreviation, or seal of any military department or Service.

(3) The seal, insignia, or other identifying device of the local installation. The installation commander may authorize an exception to this restriction if clear identification is needed, provided official DOD sponsorship or endorsement is neither stated nor implied.

(b) Activities of POs will in no way prejudice or discredit DOD components or other agencies of the Federal Government.

(c) A PO will not duplicate or compete with a NAFFI or APF governmental function on a DA installation.